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- - The Politburo of the Rumanian Communist Party at its meeting of 4 December 1949 decided that the work of constructing the Danube-Black Sea canal must, in view of its exception importance, be continued during the winter regardless of the weather.
 - 2. The canal will not only be of great economic importance in the irrigation of the Dobrudja but will also shorten communication with the Black Sea by 350 kilometers.
 - 3. The canal which will be 70 kilometers in length, will allow the passage of large river and coastal vessels. Coastal vessels are unable to sail beyond Sulina.
 - 4. Excavation of the canal was begun simultaneously at Cernavoda and at Medgidia on 18 November 1949. The entrance to Capul Medea which is to become one of the largest Rumanian ports will be guarded by two large breakwaters.
 - 5. Poarta Alba and Navodari, at present small villages, are to built into ports. The population has already been evacuated from Navodari.
 - 6. The number of workers engaged in the construction of the canal is as follows:

Wage earning workers Forced labor (deportees) Inmates of concentration camps . Total 10,640

- 7. In the spring it is proposed to increase the number of deportees and political prisoners and to dismiss the Dobrudja preasants for work in the fields. The number to be employed in 1950 is to be increased to 18,000.
- 8. The weekly salaries of wage-earning workmen employed in the construction of the canal are 450 lei for a laborer and 600 to 750 lei for a skilled workman. Room and board cost 300 lei a week. Political pricely no pay and poorer quality food.
- 9. Soviet engineer Constantin Malinovsky, who is in charge, has been insisting on replacement of salaried workers by political prisoners.

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